

GREGORY PATTI.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 545.]

MARCH 30, 1860.

Mr. FLORENCE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the memorial and accompanying proofs in the case of Gregory Patti, report:*

That it appears he served continuously in the United States navy from May 13, 1825, to April 19, 1842, and occasionally thereafter until the year 1845, making an aggregate of over twenty years. That he served as cook on the following ships: Warren, Java, Brandywine, Concord, Constellation, Delaware, John Adams, Constitution, Ohio, Brandywine, and Cumberland. That his position was one of great exposure and confinement, under deck, to the heat of the galley fire and sudden changes by currents of air. He served faithfully, as appears by the original certificates of the commanders of the above named vessels. By reason of exposure, as aforesaid, he was seized with a lameness, which terminated in paralysis, which rendered him incapable of further service, and not recovering, he was discharged. The health of the applicant continued to decline until he has become entirely *helpless and blind*. Captain Breese, of the United States navy, certifies to the manner of his disability, and that he is now disabled. Captain Joseph Smith, of the United States navy, and chief of the Bureau of Docks and Yards, certifies that Patti is entitled to enter the naval asylum, but that he prefers not to be separated from his family, and that it will cost more to keep him in the asylum than to grant him a pension. Captain Stringham, of the United States navy, certifies to the manner and extent of Patti's disability.

Your committee report a bill granting relief.

